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*Mr.* SPECTATOR,

AS I have several Years been a constant Reader of your Lucubrations, I have observ'd, that according to different Seasons of the Year you had Essays adapted to them. The next Week is set apart from the rest of the Year by Christians of almost all Denominations throughout the World; therefore I thought proper, after the most solemn Part of it had been celebrated by your Readers, to shew them what shameful Abuse is made of this Holy Time in Popish Countries. There is scarce one great Incident in the History of our *Saviour*, from his Birth to his Ascension, which the Priests and Monks have not turn'd into Stage Plays and Puppet-Shews. Our Protestant Travellers, with Surprize and Contempt, behold these Mock Drolleries; and even Catholicks, not infatuated with Bigotry, will not defend many of their Serio-comic Parades. But, Sir, to give your Readers an Idea of a Catholick Monkish, Passion Week, and to furnish them with an Entertainment suitable to the Season, I shall give a Description of one from Dr. *Maundrell's* Journey from *Aleppo* to *Jerusalem*, in the Year Sixteen hundred and Ninety Seven.

'After our Arrival at *Jerusalem*, says the Author, 'the next Day being *Good Friday*, in the *Latin* Style, 'the *French Consul* (who lodg'd us at his House) was 'oblig'd to go into the Church of the Sepulchre in 'order to keep his Feast, whither we accompany'd 'him. This Church of the Holy Sepulchre is founded 'upon Mount *Calvary*, which now stands in the midst 'of *Jerusalem*.

'The Church is less than One hundred Paces long, 'and not more than Sixty wide, and yet it is so 'contriv'd, that it is suppos'd to contain under its 'Roof Twelve or Thirteen Sanctuaries or Places, 'consecrated to a more than ordinary Veneration, 'by being reputed to have some particular Actions 'done in them relating to the Death and Resurrection 'of *Christ*: As First, The Place where he was de'rided by the *Soldiers*; Secondly, Where the *Soldiers* 'divided his Garments; Thirdly, Where he was 'shut up, whilst they dig'd the Hole to set the Foot 'of the Cross in, and made all ready for his Crucifixion; Fourthly, Where he was nail'd to the Cross; 'Fifthly, Where the Cross was erected; Sixthly, 'Where the *Soldier* stood that pierced his Side; 'Seventhly, Where his Body was anointed in order 'to his Burial; Eighthly, Where his Body was de'posited in the Sepulchre; Ninthly, Where the 'Angels appear'd to the Women after his Resurrec'tion; Tenthly, Where *Christ* himself appear'd to 'Mary Magdalen, &c. The Places where these and 'many other Things relating to our *blessed Lord* are 'said to have been done, are all suppos'd to be con'tain'd within the narrow Precincts of this little 'Church, and are all distinguish'd and adorn'd with 'so many several Altars.

'The *Latins*, of whom there are always Ten or 'Twelve residing at the Church with a President over 'them, make every Day a solemn Procession with 'Tapers and Crucifixes, and other Processionary Se'lemnities, to the several Sanctuaries, singing at every 'one of them a *Latin* Hymn, relating to the Subject 'of each Place. These *Latins* being more polite and 'exact in their Functions than the other *Monks* residing 'here, and also our Conversation being chiefly with 'them, I will only describe their Ceremonies, with'out taking Notice of what was done by others, 'which did not so much come under our Observation.

'Their Ceremony begins on *Good Friday Night*, 'which is call'd by them *Nox tenebrosa*, and is observ'd 'with such extraordinary Solemnity, that I cannot 'omit to give a particular Description of it.

'As soon as it grew Dusk, all the *Fryars* and *Pilgrims* were conven'd in the Chapel of the *Appa'rition*, (which is a small Oratory on the North Side 'of the Holy Grave, adjoining to the Apartment of 'the *Latins*) in order to go in a Procession round the 'Church; but before they set out, one of the *Fryars* 'preach'd a Sermon in *Italian* in that Chapel. He 'began his Discourse thus, *In questa Notte tenebrosa*, '&c.——At which Words, all the Candles were 'instantly put out, to yield a livelier Image on that 'Occasion: And so we were held by the Preacher 'near half an Hour, very much in the Dark.

'Sermon being ended, every Person present had a 'large lighted Taper put into his Hand, as if it was 'to make Amends for the former Darkness, and the 'Crucifixes and other Utensils were dispos'd in order 'for beginning the Procession. Among the other 'Crucifixes, there was one of a very large Size, 'which bore upon it the Image of *our Lord*, as big as 'Life. The Image was fasten'd to it with great 'Nails, crown'd with Thorns, besmear'd with Blood, 'and so exquisitely was it form'd, that it represented 'in a very lively Manner the lamentable Spectacle of 'our *Lord's* Body as it hung upon the Cross. This 'Figure was carry'd all along at the Head of the Pro'cession, after which the Company follow'd to all the 'Sanctuaries in the Church, singing their appointed 'Hymn at every one.

'The first Place they visited was that of the Pillar 'of Flagellation, a large Piece of which is kept in a 'little Cell just at the Door of the Chapel of the Ap'parition. There they sung their proper Hymn, 'and another Fryar entertain'd the Company with a 'Sermon in *Spanish*, touching the Scourging of our 'Lord.

'From hence they proceeded in a solemn Manner 'to the Prison of Christ, where they pretended he 'was secured whilst the Soldiers made Things ready 'for his Crucifixion. Here too they sung their 'Hymn, and a third Fryar preach'd in *French*.

'From the Prison they went to the Altar of the 'Division of Christ's Garments, where they only 'sung their Hymn, with a Sermon.

'Having done here, they advanced to the Chapel 'of *Derision*; at which, after their Hymn, they had

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'bearing the Image of our *Lord's* Body. At 'Altar is a Hole in the natural Rock, said to be 'same Individual one in which the Foot of our 'Lord's Cross stood. Here they set up their Cross, with 'the bloody Crucify'd Image upon it, and leaving it 'in that Posture, they first sung their Hymn, and 'then the Father Guardian, sitting in a Chair before 'it, preach'd a Passion Sermon in *Italian*.

'The Ceremony of the Passion being over and the 'Guardian's Sermon ended, two Fryars, one personating *Joseph* of *Arimathea*, the other *Nicodemus*, ap'proach'd the Cross, and with a most solemn con'cern'd Air, both of Aspect and Behaviour, drew out 'the great Nails and took down the feign'd Body 'from the Cross. It was an Effigies so contriv'd, that 'its Limbs were soft and flexible, as if they had been 'real Flesh: And nothing could be more surprising 'than to see the two pretended Mourners bend down 'the Arms which were before extended, and dispose 'them upon the Trunk in such a Manner as is usual 'in Corpses.

'The Body, being taken down from the Cross, was 'receiv'd in a fair large Winding-Sheet and carry'd 'down from *Calvary*, the whole Company attend'ing as before to the *Stone* of *Unction*. This is taken 'for the very Place where the precious Body of our 'Lord was anointed and prepar'd for Burial. *John* 'xix. 39. Here they laid down their imaginary 'Corpse, and casting over it several sweet Powders 'and Spices, wrapp'd it up in the Winding-Sheet. 'Whilst this was doing they sung their proper Hymn, 'and afterwards one of the Fryars preach'd in *Arabick* 'a Funeral Sermon.

'These Obsequies being finish'd, they carry'd off 'their fancied Corpse, and laid it in the Sepulchre, 'shutting up the Door 'till *Easter Morning*.

'And now, after so many Sermons, and so long, 'not to say tedious a Ceremony, it may be well imagin'd that the Weariness of the Congregation, as well as the Hour of the Night, made it needful to 'go to Rest'

## *A Strange* SIGHT *at* COURT.

*HOB* came to Town, all the strange Sights to see,
Which he had heard past all Belief to be:
With *London Cox* o'er all the Town they range,
From *Tow'r* to *Monument*, from thence to *Change*:
Then he to *Paul's* with mighty Wonder comes;
Then gaping views at *Westminster* the Tombs.
Next sees the *Park*, of Gentry the Resort;
Then where lives the King's Majesty, the Court.
As in the Court Yard there they stood to see
The *Courtiers* passing to the Grand *Leves*;
'There, *Hob*, there, there goes *S——t*, *he* here is thought
'As strange a Creature as o'er here was brought.——
'There's a *strange Lord*:—Lord *B—b*: That is he, who
Was honest Mr. *P——y*, Lord *B——* now.——
That's my Lord *O——*: You have heard his Fame;
For that's the Man once call'd by *W——'s* Name.
Quoth *Hob*, these Men, *Cox*, don't my Humour strike,
They may be *strange*, but they are all *alike*.
Then crys his *Cox*, here is a stranger Sight,
At Court his Country's Honour and Delight;
And every *Briton* with this *Briton* vie,
*Britain* were blest'd indeed!——Then *Gow'r* pass'd by.
Quoth *Hob*, 'If here so *strange* a *Sight* it be
One honest Man within a Court to see;
God bless my Eyes! 'faith I should not care
To come to Court, although the *King* is there.

*The Allegorical Letter sign'd* D. H. *will be inserted next Week.*

## FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

*Petersbourg*, *March* 9. Frequent Conferences are held at the Palace on the Operations of the approaching

Campaign. It is said that a Resolution has been taken provisionally, to assemble an Army of 50,000 Men in Livonia. The Veldt Marshal Count Lacy is to have the Command in Chief of the Troops that are to be employ'd against the Swedes.

*Stockholm, March* 18. The States having this Day taken into Consideration the Affair of the Succession, the Boors unanimously elected the Prince Royal of Denmark for their Successor to the Throne of Sweden, and they having acquainted the three other States, by a Deputation, therewith, the Nobles came immediately to a Resolution of entering upon that Affair, on Saturday next, and notified the same to the Clergy and Burghers by a Deputation of sixteen of their Members.

*Copenhagen, March* 31. Several Frigates will forthwith set Sail for Norway, in order to bring over the Seamen enlisted there for the King's Fleet. Tents and other Necessaries are actually deliver'd to the Troops that are to make the Campaign.

*Madrid, March* 11. Orders have been issued for marching all the regular Troops towards Savoy, the Court being determin'd that the Marquess de la Mina shall penetrate into the Milaneze through the Valaise. Large Remittances have been made to the Infant Don Philip, to Switzerland, and elsewhere.

*Florence, March* 16. The Magistrates of Boulogne have caus'd it to be notify'd to M. de Gages, that all the Forage and Provisions to be had there, could scarce serve longer than a Fortnight, and that it was impossible to bring in more, since the Germans were enter'd into the Bondeno of the Ferrarois. That General has, we hear, demanded of Count Traun an Amistice for three Months; but the latter would not give Ear to any such Proposition.

*Dantzick, March* 21. A Swedish Ship laden with Herrings was taken a few Days since by a Russian Sloop of War, which cruizes at the Mouth of this Harbour, in order to visit all Ships, and take such as are bound to or from the Ports of Sweden. We are afraid this Incident will do a great deal of Prejudice to our Commerce, by drawing hither Swedish Privateers.

*Dresden, March* 23. The last Advices which the Court receiv'd from the Frontiers of Bohemia, which came by the Way of Voigtland, import, that General Festitirz had so closely blockaded Egra, that nothing could possibly enter into that Place; that the Garrison, which consists of 2000 Men, has lately made two Sallies upon the Troops commanded by that General, which occasion'd some smart Skirmishes. The Accounts which Count Desalleurs, Minister from France, has receiv'd of this Affair, represent the City of Egra as well provided with every Thing necessary for a vigorous Defence: They add, that since the beginning of this Month the Garrison has made several advantageous Sallies, and that the Marquess d'Harouville, the Governor, had little Thoughts of capitulating, because he soon expected a considerable Reinforcement from the Upper Palatinate.

*Ratisbon, March* 25. The French have made great Movements within these few Days on both Sides of the Danube, especially in the Upper Palatinate: This has oblig'd Prince Lobkowitz to call in his Troops who had extended their Quarters towards the Danube, and reassemble them in the Neighbourhood of Wald-Munchen.

*Dusseldorp, March* 29. The English Troops quarter'd in this Country will not begin their March 'till the 5th of next Month.

*Geneva, March* 19. It is reported here that the King of Spain has sent the Infant Don Philip the Patent of Duke of Savoy. The Marquess de la Mina is filing off his Troops to the Camp mark'd out in the County of Chablais. Several Spanish Engineers are gone to reconnoitre the Passages of the Mountains that part Savoy from Lombardy.

*Versailles, March* 24. The King, who employs five Hours every Day in State Affairs, continues to make several good Regulations in Civil and Military Matters: Among other Things his Majesty declar'd a few Days since, that for the future he will not allow of the Practice of selling or giving away any Regiment or Military Post, his Intention being, that the old Officers, and those who have distinguish'd themselves in the Service, be preferr'd before all others.

Last Week some Dispatches arriv'd from the Marquess de Castellane, the King's Embassador at the Porte; since which a Report has prevail'd that the Grand Signor is to send a considerable Body of Troops towards the Danube; but it is certain that the Court has not publish'd a Tittle of those Dispatches.

*Paris, March* 25. We are assur'd that Orders are issued for assembling a Body of 10,000 Men under Landau, and that the greatest Part of the Troops, destin'd to make the Campaign, are to march into Alsace, as the Province that lies most convenient for observing the Queen of Hungary's Auxiliaries. A new Reinforcement of 15,000 Men is to be sent into Bavaria.

Letters from Leghorn say, that there are still some English Ships on the Coast of Corsica; that the Rebels have taken the City of Corte, which is pretty well fortified, and from which the Genoese had withdrawn their Garrison; and that the said Rebels have made themselves Masters of the fortified Tower of Padulella on the Sea Coast, after driving out the Garrison.

*Extract of a Letter from Manheim, March* 24.

'So many different Reports have been spread concerning the real Dispositions of our Court, that it 'seems necessary to set the Publick right in this Matter. It is well known that the Elector has no manner of Pretensions to the Austrian Succession, nor does he pretend or look upon himself to be at War with the Queen of Hungary. As to the Troops which his late Electoral Highness furnish'd the Emperor with, and which are in his Imperial Majesty's Army on the same Footing as the Hessians, the Elector is firmly resolv'd not to withdraw them from thence. Moreover he has protested against the Entrance of the English and Hanoverian Troops into his Dominions, inasmuch as such a Step may be contrary to the Constitutions of the Empire,' &c.

*Utrecht, April* 2. According to Letters from Vienna of the 20th Instant, Mr. Villiers set out the 16th on his Return to Dresden, after having sign'd a new Convention with the Queen of Hungary's Ministers, the Execution of which will speedily follow.

## IRELAND.

*Dublin, March* 19. On Monday last died, in the 90th Year of his Age, Capt. George Davidson, of the Royal Regiment of Foot commanded by General St. Clair: He enter'd into the Service the latter End of the Reign of King Charles II. and serv'd in all the Wars abroad, during the Reigns of King William and Queen Anne, with great Reputation; and on Wednesday his Corpse was decently inter'd in St. Paul's Church.

## LONDON.

On Tuesday last his Majesty was pleased to invest the Earl of Dysart with the Order of St. Andrew.

We hear Hampton-Court Palace is order'd to be fitted up for the Reception of the Royal Family this Summer.

On Sunday last Solomon Durell, Esq; was presented (by his Grace the Duke of Richmond, Master of the Horse to his Majesty) to their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, and had the Honour of kissing their Hands, upon his being appointed Gentleman of the Horse to her Royal Highness, and Equerry, in the room of Capt. Bloodworth, appointed First Commissioner of the Horse to the Prince.

They write from Dublin, that their Excellencies the Lords Justices of Ireland have given Orders for ten Ships to go immediately to Cork, to take on board the two Regiments order'd from that Kingdom, and that they are to sail directly for Ostend.

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On Saturday was held a Court of Admiralty at Doctors-Commons, before Sir Henry Penrice, Knt. Judge for the Trial of the Pierre Joseph, taken by his Majesty's Ship the Squirrel, when after a Hearing of four Hours, the whole Cargo on Board the said Ship was condemn'd as a Prize, being proved the Property of Spanish Merchants at Cadiz, and a Spanish Register-Ship. But the Trial of the Ship was postpon'd to the 18th of April, being the first Day of Term.

Several few Merchants of this City, offer'd to the Court a Claim of part of the said Cargo, amounting to 15,000 l. Sterling, upon Suspicion, that as they had Effects at La Vera Cruz amounting to that Sum, it might possibly be in this Register-Ship. But the Judge would admit of no such pretended Claim, and accordingly condemn'd the whole Cargo. Tho' the Jews have appeal'd to the Lords Commissioners of Appeal from that Decree, and have declar'd they shall claim upon every Register-Ship that now is or shall hereafter be taken.

Thursday se'nnight came on, at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, the Election of a Treasurer for that Hospital, in the room of Alderman Westley, who has resign'd; when Mr. Sandford, Deputy of Aldgate Ward, was chosen in his room. At the same Time came on the Election of a Clerk in the room of Mr. Tims, sen. who also resign'd; when Mr. Tims, jun. was chosen in his room.

Last Week died at Windsor, after a lingering Illness, in the 24th Year of his Age, Sir John Rivers, Bart. of an ancient Family in Kent, descended from John de Rivers, who was summon'd among the Barons the 25th of Edward the First. Tho' his Fortune did not descend to him so ample as he deserv'd, he supported his Title with great Credit, without the Assistance of a Court. He thought it not too early, young as he was, to have a Sense of Religion, nor too late, discouraging as the Times are, to testify a Love for his Country. He was a young Gentleman of good Parts and great Sweetness of Temper. He died esteem'd and lamented by all who knew him, carrying with him to the Grave those Virtues in which this Age doth not abound, and which this Country can ill afford to lose. The Title descends to his Brother, now Sir Peter Rivers, of Magdalen-College, in Oxford.

Last Week died, at his Living of St. Mary's, near Southampton, the Rev. Mr. Ralph Brideoake, Archdeacon of Winchester and Prebendary of Hereford; whose constant and diligent Performance of all Archdeaconal and Parochial Duties worthily deserve Imitation; and the rebuilding his Parish Church and Noble Parsonage House, *at his own Expence*, will be lasting Monuments of the Generosity and Goodness of him, in whom the Gentleman and the Divine were happily united.

A few Days since died, at his House at Balam, near Camberwell in Surrey, John Heather, Esq; one of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County. He was blind for several Years before his Death, and was the oldest Commissioner of the Peace for the County.

Yesterday se'nnight died, at his House in St. Paul's Church-yard, Mr. Bull, a wealthy Cabinet-maker, and one of the People call'd Quakers.

The same Day died, at his House in Mount-Street, Grosvenor-Square, Mr. Wilkinson, an eminent and wealthy Distiller.

Last Week died in an advanced Age, at his House in St. James's-street, Henry Skelton, Esq; who has left a very great Fortune; which descends to his Son, a Colonel in the Third Regiment of Guards.

On Saturday died at her House in Petty-France, Westminster, Mrs. Blunt, Relict of —— Blunt, Esq; by her Death near 800 l. per Annum devolves to her eldest Son, William Blunt, Esq;

Last Saturday died at his House on Little-Tower-Hill, Mr. Joseph Cox, an eminent and wealthy Salesman.

Sunday died, at his Lodgings at Peckham, Mr. Norris, an eminent Oilman in the Strand: This Gentleman had the Misfortune to break his Leg a few Days ago, which turning to a Mortification was the Occasion of his Death.

Sunday died at his House in Red-Lyon-Square, —— Smyth, Esq; many Years Steward to his Grace the Duke of Montagu.

On Sunday last died, in an advanced Age, at her Lodgings in Scotland-Yard, Mrs. Vaughan, a Maiden Lady, Aunt to the present Lord Viscount Lisburne.

On Sunday Evening died in Austin Friers, Dame Mary Dutry, Wife to Gerard Van Neck, Esq; She was Daughter and Heiress of Hilary Renew, Esq; who

came over from Bourdeaux to England in 1688, on account of the Perſecution of the French Proteſtants; having brought with him a conſiderable Fortune, on which he liv'd many Years retir'd at Putney in Surry. His only Son dying without Iſſue, his whole Eſtate devolved to the ſaid Dame Mary Dutry. She intermarried about the Year 1694 with Sir Dennis Dutry, Bart. who was created ſuch in the Year 1716; and he dying without Iſſue, ſhe married with the ſaid Gerard Van Neck, Eſq; in the Year 1734.

On Sunday died at his Houſe in King's-Street, St. James's, Mr. Richardſon, Chapel-Keeper to his Majeſty at Whitehall, which he enjoy'd ever ſince the Reign of King William. The Place, which is very conſiderable, is in the Gift of the Right Rev. the Lord Biſhop of London, Dean of the Chapel Royal.

Laſt Sunday Night died in the Fleet, Sir John Wittewrong, Bart. Son of Sir John Wittewrong, Bart. who repreſented the Borough of Aylesbury in the County of Bucks, for ſeveral Parliaments, in the Reign of Queen Anne.

We hear from Nottinghamſhire, that laſt Week died there the Rev. Mr. Berdmore, Prebendary of Exon, in the Collegiate Church of Southwell, which Prebend he was collated to by his Grace the late Archbiſhop of York, and which now, during the Vacancy of that See, is in his Majeſty's Gift.

On Sunday died, near 100 Years old, at her Houſe in Southampton-Row, Bloomſbury, the Lady Nevil, Relict of Sir James Nevil, Bart.

Wedneſday ſe'nnight the Rev. Samuel Haynes, M.A. was inſtall'd, with the uſual Formality, one of the Prebendaries of Windſor, in the room of Dr. Andrew Snape, deceas'd.

A Diſpenſation has paſs'd the Great Seal to enable the Rev. Nathaniel Brewer, M. A. Chaplain to the Right Hon. the Earl of Dalhouſie, to hold the Rectory of Newnton, alias Long Newington, in the County of Wilts and Dioceſe of Sarum, together with the Rectory of Lathborough in the County and Dioceſe of Glouceſter.

Alſo a Diſpenſation to the Rev. William Burroughs, M. A. Chaplain to Grey Lord Maynard, to hold the Rectory of Buckland, in the County of Kent and Dioceſe of Canterbury, together with the Rectory of Midley, alias Middeley, in the ſaid County and Dioceſe.

Likewiſe a Diſpenſation to the Rev. Ralph Freeman, D. D. to hold the Rectory of Ayott St. Peter's, in the County of Hertford and Dioceſe of Lincoln, together with the Rectory of Aſpedon, in the ſaid County and Dioceſe.

As alſo a Diſpenſation to the Rev. Luke Trevigare, M. A. Chaplain to the Biſhop of Norwich, to hold the Vicarage of Ickleſham, in the County of Suſſex and Dioceſe of Chicheſter, together with the Rectory of Heſtmonceux, in the ſaid County and Dioceſe.

A few Days ago the Rev. Mr. William Miles was preſented by the Right Hon. the Lord Viſcount Townſend to the Livings of Martin St. Rainham, and Helloughton, in the County of Norfolk, void by the Reſignation of the laſt Incumbent.

On Tueſday the acting Juſtices of the Peace met at the Veſtry-Room in the Pariſh of St. Martin in the Fields, upon granting Licences to the Retailers of Spirituous Liquors within the ſaid Pariſh, who were entitled thereto by Act of Parliament, when many applied for Licences not within the ſaid Act, which they were abſolutely refus'd, and put entirely out of Hopes of obtaining any: And at the ſame time the ſaid Juſtices gave ſtrict Charge to every Beadle of each Ward on Pain of being cathier'd, not to return any Perſon, except ſuch as were entitled to Licences by Act of Parliament.

They write from Exeter, that laſt Week Mr. John Iriſh, Coroner of that City, cut himſelf acroſs the Belly in ſuch a Manner that his Intrails came out, and he died immediately.

Laſt Week ſome Rogues took the Opportunity, while the Watchmen were aſleep, to ſtrip the Lead off the Piazza adjoining to the Watch-Houſe at St. Margaret's-Hill, Southwark; but an Outcry of Thieves being made by ſome of the Neighbours prevented their carrying it off. This is a true Specimen of the Watchmens Care, and the Benefits the Publick receive from their Night Attendance.

Wedneſday ſe'nnight Serjeant Urling, Recorder of this City, attended on his Majeſty at St. James's and made his Report of the 24 following Malefactors now under Sentence of Death in Newgate, viz.

1. William Brand, for robbing Mr. William Blacknell in Bridges-Street, Covent-Garden.
2. Thomas Cummins, for a Street-Robbery.
3. Anne Bradford, for robbing Mr. Brown of 19 Guineas.
4. John Tighe, a Victualler and Coachman at Chatham (who was committed by the Court of King's-Bench laſt Michaelmas Term) for uttering and publiſhing a falſe, forged, and counterfeit Releaſe, knowing it to be ſo.
5. Henry Bully, for breaking open the Houſe of Joſeph Taylor, Eſq; of Bridewell, and ſtealing a great Quantity of Plate.
6. Richard Haſſal, for robbing his Maſters of a large Sum of Money.
7. Thomas Haven, for robbing his Maſter, Thomas Croſs, of 40 l.
8. John Robinſon, for Houſebreaking.
9. Daniel Wicket, for robbing Sarah Smith near Acton.
10, 11. Honor Cavenagh and Katherine Kelly, for High-Treaſon, in filing and waſhing Half-pence and Farthings to make them reſemble and paſs for Six-pences and Shillings.
12, 13. Patrick Kelly and Garret Cavenagh, for High-Treaſon, as above.
14. Michael Buley, for breaking open the Houſe of Mrs. Hodges, in Haberdaſher-Square, Grub-Street.
15, 16. Lot Cavenagh and Cordelia Taylor, for a Street-Robbery.
17. Jacob Cordoſa, for Houſe-breaking.
18. David Todd, for a Street-Robbery.
19. James Smith, for breaking open the Houſe of Mrs. Dobney, a Midwife, on Clerkenwell-Green, and ſtealing from thence a Silk Gown and other Things.
20. William Burnett, for robbing Mr. Bailey on the Highway.
21. Bryan Cooley, for robbing Mr. Joſeph Emmerton of a Cane.
22. Thomas Dennis, for ſtealing a Mare.
23. James Roberts, a Chairman, for aſſaulting Tho. Dell, a Boy belonging to Meſſ. Craig and Neville, Silverſmiths, and robbing him of a Leather Bag and a Parcel of Silver Plate.
24. Stephen Wright, for aſſaulting Mr. Belchier, a Surgeon, in his own Houſe, and robbing him of ſix Guineas and a Gold Watch.

His Majeſty was pleaſed to pardon the three firſt; to reſpite John Tighe and Henry Bully; to order Richard Haſſel, Thomas Haven, John Robinſon and Daniel Wicket to be tranſported for 14 Years, and Honor Cavenagh and Katherine Kelly for Life; and the other thirteen for Execution.

On Tueſday the Aſſizes ended at Kingſton for the County of Surrey, when John Elliott, for Sheep-ſtealing, receiv'd Sentence of Death; but was repriev'd.

Thomas Bradford, Mary Deaby, Charles Tongue, Mary Standford, Mary Tongue, Henry White, William Hale, John Briggs, John Lawrence, Mary Read, Thomas Combs and John Roe, were order'd for Tranſportation.

Thomas Sleat, for beating and ſtarving his Apprentice Girl, was fin'd, and order'd three Months Impriſonment.

John Keeble was order'd, by Habeas Corpus, to Newgate, to be try'd at the Old Baily for returning from Tranſportation.

Two were burnt in the Hand, and nine order'd to be whipp'd, and eleven acquitted.

Monday came Advice that the Jupiter, Capt. Groſe, (which had been a Spaniſh Privateer, but taken by one of our Men of War) bound from London to Africa, was attack'd 70 Leagues Weſtward of Scilly, by a Spaniſh Privateer of 14 Carriage Guns, beſides Swivels, and 140 Men, which Capt. Groſe engag'd for two Hours; but then receiving a Shot betwixt Wind and Water, and at the ſame Time having his Boatſwain kill'd, and ſome of his Men wounded, he was oblig'd to ſtrike to their ſuperior Force, and was carried into St. Sebaſtians.

They write from Oporto, that a Veſſel from Ireland with 1600 Barrels of Butter, and another with 800 Bags of Corn, are both taken by the Spaniards on the Coaſt of Portugal.

Five Ships bound home from Virginia, Carolina and Jamaica, were all lately taken by one Spaniſh Privateer belonging to the Groyne, off Cape Finiſter.

The Bonadventure, Ward, bound from Exeter to Madeira and Carolina, was taken ſoon after ſhe departed from Madeira, by a Spaniſh Privateer.

*Extract of a Letter from on board the Falmouth at Port-Royal.*

'One of our Men of War fell in lately with a Spaniſh Regiſter Ship, under French Colours, who had loſt her Maſts; but not examining her ſo ſtrictly as they ſhould, they too eaſily believ'd her to be French; and the Captain of the Man of War (in order to keep up the Correſpondence between the two Nations) aſſiſted her, and tow'd her into Port Francois, in Hiſpaniola; at which Place the Miſtake was then no longer a Secret, the Spaniard owning himſelf, and hoiſted his proper Colours; and the People of the Man of War had nothing left but Sorrow, for miſſing the richeſt Ship that could have fallen in their Way.——The Dons having refitted their Ship, ventur'd again to Sea, under Convoy of a French Guarda Coſta, who undertook to ſee her ſafe to Europe: But ſoon after their Departure they met with two Rhode-Iſland Privateers, who attack'd them with ſo much Bravery, that the Frenchman was glad to quit his Convoy to ſave himſelf.——The Lyon Man of War has taken a Prize, which was afterwards ranſom'd for 12,000 Dollars.

'Our Settlement on the Iſland of Arratan goes on bravely; it is a moſt plentiful Place, and will produce any thing, and in time may turn out to be of great Conſequence to us, and a Curb to the Spaniards.——Sir Chaloner Ogle has been very ill, but is now much better.——All Expeditions in this Part of the World ſeem to be at a Stand at preſent; but 'tis ſaid that ſomething will be attempted, either againſt Porto Rico, or La Guerre, in a ſhort time.'

*Extract of a Letter from Capt. Jardine, of the John, at Gibraltar, Feb. 26.*

'Sunday the 20th of February, about 30 Leagues Weſt from Oporto, I met with a Settee Spaniſh Privateer, with ſix Carriage and ſeveral Swivel Guns, and as near as I could judge, about 80 or 90 Men; ſhe engag'd me about an Hour, and then took her Leave, much ſhatter'd, as we ply'd her pretty warmly for the Time ſhe lay along our ſide. We ſuffer'd a little in our Rigging and Sails, but no Man hurt. Four of my Men left me at Torbay, and as the Wind came fair would not wait to get more in their room, ſo that I had but ten Men on board with me, who to a Man behav'd bravely, which gave me great Satisfaction: Our Guns being cloſe was a great Advantage, as the Privateer ſo much exceeded us in Number.

*From the London Gazette.*

*Gibraltar, Feb. 23. O. S.* His Majeſty's Ship the Romney arriv'd here yeſterday, with a large Ship of about 400 Tons, loaden chiefly with Cochineal, and ſome Cheſts of Silver, and is judg'd to be worth near 120,000 l. She was chaſed near the Shore off Faro, and by Signals which ſhe made, and Boats going on board her, and ſome Cheſts appearing to have been opened, it is thought ſome of the Money was landed on the Coaſt of Portugal. His Majeſty's Ship the Oxford has alſo brought in a Prize, laden with Proviſions, valued at about 5 or 600 l.

*Whitehall, March 29* The King has been pleas'd to conſtitute and appoint Thomas Smith, Eſq; Commander of his Majeſty's Ship Princeſs Mary, to be Governor and Commander in Chief in and over his Majeſty's Iſland of Newfoundland in America, in the room of John Byng, Eſq;

The King has been pleas'd to preſent the Rev. Samuel Grove, Batchelor of Laws, to the Rectory of Eaſt Barnet, in the County of Hertford and Dioceſe of London, void by the Reſignation of the Rev. Daniel Beaufort, Clerk.

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